



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12 s. 2020

March 13, 2020

**ADVISORY ON THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OF 2019
(COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has characterized the novel coronavirus 2019 or Covid-19 in the category of a pandemic and that their assessment is deeply concerning due to the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has confirmed more and more cases and at least 1 local transmission in the country;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has placed the country under a state of public health emergency and with the Department of Health raising the COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red sublevel 2;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Batangas prioritizes the health and well-being of its residents and would like to take every possible measure to combat Covid-19 from spreading in Batangas City;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Batangas considers the recommendations of the City Health Office, the Department of Health and the pronouncements of the Provincial Governor of Batangas;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has confirmed the existence of two (2) cases of Covid-19 in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA, City Mayor of Batangas, by virtue of the powers vested in me by existing laws, do hereby:

1. PROHIBIT all group or communal masses, prayer services or worship during the State of Public Health Emergency and, in lieu thereof, the adoption of TV, radio or online masses, prayer services or worship;

2. PROHIBIT all minors from loitering around in malls, movie houses, theaters, computer shops, and other public places in the city;

3. ENJOIN all citizens and residents, especially senior citizens and persons with pre-existing medical conditions and compromised immune system, to stay at home, AVOID crowds and large gatherings and not to attend public events.

4. FOLLOW the Department of Health's advice to the public to prevent the spread of Covid-19:

- a. Practice frequent and proper handwashing
- b. Practice proper cough etiquette
- i. Always bring a handkerchief/tissue

- ii. Cover mouth and nose using handkerchief/tissue (sleeves or crook of the elbow may also be used to cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing)
 - iii. Move away from people when coughing
 - iv. Do not spit on streets, public plaza and other public places
 - v. Throw away used tissues properly
 - vi. Always wash your hands after sneezing or coughing
 - vii. Use alcohol/sanitizer
- c. Avoid touching your face especially your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Properly wear a face mask if you have cough and cold.
- d. Avoid unprotected contact with farm or wild animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- e. Ensure that food is well-cooked
- f. Practice social distancing or maintain distance of at least one meter away from one another

5. ENJOIN the Philippine National Police (PNP), Defense and Security Services (DSS), Traffic Development and Regulatory Office and other enforcement officers to enforce this Executive Order and the provisions of Ordinance No.16 s.1999 imposing a curfew on minors.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Batangas this 13th day of March 2020.

BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA
City Mayor

Attested:

ATTY. VICTOR REGINALD A. DIMACUHA
Secretary to the Mayor